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JESUS CHRIST;

OR THE
GOSPEL ACCOUNT

OF THE
GREAT ATONEMENT,
INCLUDING THE BETRAYAL, TRIAL, SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF
OUR LORD AND HIS RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION.

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PREFACE.

IN the incarnation and death of the Son of God, and in the completed work of man's redemption by the Holy Spirit, the infinite and holy perfections of the triune God shine forth brighter than any noonday sun, shining in his strength.

The atoning death of Jesus Christ on the cross for the sins of mankind, is the most wonderful and important event of Time ; and in view of the holy and eternal principles of God's nature, therein involved and forever established, it is probably the most important, blessed, and glorious event of eternity.

Jesus Christ and him crucified for sinners, is not only the great theme of the gospel preacher ; but the precious truth that gives light and life

to the soul, peace to the conscience, and the joy of assured salvation to the believer.

While believers contemplate with joy the life work of Christ in their behalf, the precious words he spake and the acts of love and mercy he performed, as recorded in the gospels, they learn also that it is their privilege as well as their duty, to consider not only the words spoken, but all the incidents and facts immediately connected with the death of Christ: and while pondering the truths received, and impressions made, they are in faith and love prepared to remember the death of their Lord, as commanded by him.

Jesus Christ nailed to the cross, and dying thereon for the sins of man, is an ever abiding picture that confronts the world.

For eighteen centuries and more the world has been looking on that living picture with ever increasing interest. As age after age has passed, an increasing multitude of men, women and children, have been attracted to the One seen

hanging on the cross, and have beheld in him, one who satisfied every want of their souls, and gave them that comfort, peace and joy, nowhere else to be found.

A clear and scriptural view of the death of the Son of God, with all its attending circumstances, must ever be of great value to the world. The account of the last eventful days in the life of Jesus Christ, contained in these pages, is taken entirely from the several gospel narratives, and is in their inspired words only. It is presented here in one clear, harmonious, and connected story, that the multitude of gospel readers may have a clearer and more distinct view of the events as they transpired, a deeper impression of the temptations, trials and sufferings of

Christ, and a livelier sense of the inestimable value of his death for them, and thus be led by the grace of God, to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Redeemer, and confess him to the salvation of their souls.

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THE
LAST DAYS OF JESUS CHRIST.



SECTION I.

*Wednesday the Second Day before the Crucifixion.
Christ foretells his Approaching Death.*

Matt. 26 : 1, 2.

Mark 14 : 1.

²After two days was *the feast of* the pass-over, and of unleavened bread.

¹And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is *the feast of* the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

SECTION II.

The Rulers consult how they may take Christ.

Matt. 26 : 3-5. Mark 14 : part of ver. 1 and ver. 2.
Luke 22 : 1, 2.

³Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the passover. ¹Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted [and] ²sought how they might take ¹Jesus by subtilty, ²by craft, and put *him* to death. But they said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar ¹among the people ; ³for they feared the people.

SECTION III.

Christ comes to Bethany, where He is Anointed by Mary.

Matt. 26 : 6-13. Mark 14 : 3-9. John 12 : 2-11.

²And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁴there they made him a supper ;

and Martha served : but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.*

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly,—²an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious ; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head, ¹as he sat at meat, ⁴and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair : and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

¹But when his disciples saw *it*, ²there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made ? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. ⁴Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,

* Harmonists have been much divided on the proper place of the Anointing of our Lord at Bethany, Dr. Townsend and others placing it earlier in the week. But, without stating the reasons for and against, we prefer here to follow the order of St. Matthew and St. Mark, especially as those Evangelists appear to relate the *rebuke* of Judas Iscariot by Christ at Bethany as the immediate cause of his *treason* and *betrayal* of his Master.

Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. ²And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: ⁴against the day of my burying hath she kept this. ¹For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial. ²She is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

SECTION IV.

Judas agrees with the Chief Priests to betray Christ.

Matt. 26: 14-16. Mark 14: 10, 11. Luke 22. 3-6.

³Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed

Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way ²unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them, ³and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. ¹And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?

²And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money.

¹And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. ³And he promised, ¹and from that time he sought opportunity, ²how he might conveniently ³betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

SECTION V.

Thursday—The Day before the Crucifixion. Christ directs Two of his Disciples to prepare the Passover.

Matt. 26 : 17-19. Mark 14 : 12-16. Luke 22 : 7-13.

²And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples ¹came to Jesus [and] ²said unto him, Where wilt

thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, ³Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

²And [he] saith unto them, Go ye into the city, ³and behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall ²meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him ³into the house where he entereth in, ²and wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith ³unto thee, ¹My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. ²Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us. And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said, ¹and did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

SECTION VI.

Christ Partakes of his Last Passover.

Matt. 26 : 20. Mark 14 : 17. Luke 22 : 14-18. John
13 : 1.

⁴Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

²And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. ³And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer : for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves : for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

SECTION VII.

Christ at the Passover. Reproves the Ambition of his Disciples. Washes their Feet, and teaches Humility and Obedience.

Luke 22 : 24-27. John 13 : 2-17.

³And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them ; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye *shall* not *be* so : but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger ; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth ? *is* not he that sitteth at meat ? but I am among you as he that serveth.

⁴The devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him ; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God ; he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments ; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the

disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter : and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet ?

Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit : and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him ; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken *his* garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you ? Ye call me Master and Lord : and ye say well ; for so I am. If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet ; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you,

The servant is not greater than his lord ; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

SECTION VIII.

Christ, sitting at the Passover, continues the Conversation. Foretells who shall Betray Him.

Matt. 26 : 21-25. Mark 14 : 18-21. Luke 22 : 21-23.
John 13 : 18-32.

⁴I speak not of you all : I know whom I have chosen : but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me ; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit.

²And as they sat and did eat, Jesus ⁴testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that

one of you ²which eateth with me shall betray me. ³But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. ²And they began to be ¹exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, ²one by one, ¹Lord, is it I? ²and another *said, Is it I?*

And he answered and said unto them, *It is* one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. ¹He that dippeth *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. ²The Son of man indeed goeth, ³as it was determined, [and] ²as it is written of him : but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed ! ¹it had been good for that man if he had not been born. ⁴Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped *it*. And when

he had dipped the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. ¹Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I?

He said unto him, Thou hast said.*

⁴Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of *them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

He then, having received the sop, went immediately out; and it was night.

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

* "This was the most solemn manner of expressing an affirmative."—TOWNSEND.

SECTION IX.

Christ commands his Disciples to love one another. Speaks of their Future Glory in His Kingdom. Predicts Peter's Denial of Him.

Luke 22 : 28-38.

John 13 : 33-38.

⁴Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

³Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: but I have prayed for thee,

that thy faith fail not : and when thou art converted,* strengthen thy brethren.

And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything?

And they said, Nothing.

Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take *it*, and likewise *his* scrip : and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors : for the things concerning me have an end.

And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

*Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither

* "When thou art converted"—When thou hast recovered from that fall which I foresee.—TOWNSEND.

goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

SECTION X.

Christ institutes the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Matt. 26:26-29. Mark 14:22-25. Luke 22:19-20.

¹And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the *disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, ³which is given for you : **This do in remembrance of me.** Likewise also ²he took ³the cup after

*That the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was not partaken by Judas Iscariot, as generally represented in paintings of that scene, is evident from what is recorded in Section VIII.

supper, ²and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them, ¹saying, Drink ye all of it; ²and they all drank of it.

And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. ³This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you;—¹which is shed for many FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

²Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more ¹henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom—²in the kingdom of God.

The Institution of the Lord's Supper as delivered by Christ to the Apostle Paul:

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread,

and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's *death till he come.—1 Cor. 11: 23-26.

SECTION XI.

Christ Comforts his Disciples and Followers with views of Heaven as their Everlasting Rest. Promises gracious Answers to their Prayers—to send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and promises Peace and Fellowship with Himself and the Father.

John 14: 1-31.

⁴Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

* The intent, the purpose, the benefit, of the Lord's death, as well as your faith in, and obedience to him.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. If ye love

me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's

which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father : for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you : for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father ; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

Arise, let us go hence.*

* From the expression, " Arise, let us go hence," it may be inferred that our Saviour now left the room, and went to the Mount of Olives. The conversation and exhortations related in the following sections were continued, on the way, or at Gethsemane.

SECTION XII.

Christ goes with His Disciples to the Mount of Olives.

Matt. 26 : 30. Mark 14 : 26. Luke 22 : 39.

^{1,2}And when they had sung a hymn, ³he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

SECTION XIII.

By the way, perhaps passing through a Vineyard, Christ declares Himself to be the True Vine.

John 15 : 1-8.

⁴I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away : and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am

the vine, ye *are* the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

SECTION XIV.

Christ commands his Disciples to continue in his Love, and to love one another. Declares those to be His Friends who obey Him, and warns His Followers to prepare for Persecution.

John 15 : 9-27—16 : 1-4.

⁴As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you : continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and

that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it *you*. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep

yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But *this cometh to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember

that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

SECTION XV.

Christ concludes His Farewell Discourse. Promises to send the Holy Spirit to Comfort His Disciples, and to Guide them into all Truth; and that the Father will give them whatsoever they shall ask in His Name.

John 16 : 5-33.

⁴But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away : for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment : of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the

prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth : for he shall not speak of himself ; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak : and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me : for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine : therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

A little while, and ye shall not see me : and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

Then said *some* of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me : and again, a little while, and ye shall see me : and, Because I go to the Father ? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while ? we cannot tell what he saith.

Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me : and again, a little

while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world :—again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee : by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone : and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.

SECTION XVI.

Mediatorial Address of the Son of God in behalf of all whom the Father had given Him.

John 17 : 1-26.

⁴These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his

eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And

now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name : those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition ; that the Scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee ; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word ; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth : thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word ; that they all

may be one ; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us : that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them ; that they may be one, even as we are one : I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one ; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am ; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me : for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee : but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it* ; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

SECTION XVII.

Christ again Predicts Peter's Denial of Him.

Matt. 26 : 31-35. Mark 14 : 27-31.

¹Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night : for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended.

²And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, *even* in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

¹Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Peter ²spake the more vehemently, [and] ¹said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee ²in any wise.

¹Likewise also said all the disciples.

SECTION XVIII.

Christ goes to Gethsemane—Christ's Agony in the Garden.

"The travail of his soul." "He hath poured out his soul unto death." "Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin."—Is. 53:10-12.

Matt. 26:36-46. Mark 14:32-42. Luke 22:40-46.
John 18:1-2.

⁴When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples ²to a place which was named Gethsemane, ⁴over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

¹And [Jesus] saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

²And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, ¹the two sons of Zebedee. ³And when he was at the place, [he] ¹began to be sorrowful, ²and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy.

¹Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death : tarry ye here and watch with me, [and] ³pray that ye enter not into temptation.

²And he went forward a little, ³and he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, ¹and fell on his face, and prayed, ²and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

And he said, Abba, Father, ¹O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me : ²all things *are* possible unto thee ; ³if thou be willing, remove this cup from me : nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly : and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when he rose up from prayer, ¹he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them ³sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye ? ²And saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou ? ¹What, could ye not watch with me one hour ? ²Watch ye, ³rise and pray, ¹that ye enter not into

temptation : the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

He went away again the second time, and prayed, ²and spake the same words, ¹saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

²And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. ¹And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples ²the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest : it is enough, the hour is come ; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go ; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

SECTION XIX.

Christ is betrayed and apprehended. The Resistance of Peter.

Matt. 26 : 47-56. Mark 14 : 43-50. Luke 22 : 47-53.
John 18 : 3-11.

²And immediately, while he yet spake, ¹lo,

Judas, one of the twelve, ⁴then, having received a band *of men* and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches, and weapons, ²and with him a great multitude, with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders ¹of the people.

Now he that betrayed him, ²had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, ¹hold him fast, ²and lead *him* away safely.

And as soon as he was come, ³he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. ¹And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him.

And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? ³Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

⁴Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*.

And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

¹Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

³When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

¹And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus, ⁴Simon Peter, having a sword, ¹stretched out *his* hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest, and smote off his ear, ⁴—cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

³And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

⁴Then said Jesus unto Peter, ¹Put up again

thy sword into his place : for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels ? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be ?⁴The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it ?

¹In that same hour, ²Jesus answered and said ³unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, [and] ¹to the multitudes, ³and the elders, which were come to him, ¹Are ye come out 'as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me ? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me, ³ye stretched forth no hands against me ; ²but the Scriptures must be fulfilled ; ³this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

¹But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

SECTION XX.

Christ is taken to Annas, and to the Palace of Caiaphas.

Matt. 26 : 57. Mark 14 : 51-53. Luke 22 : 54.
John 18 : 12-14.

⁴Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first ; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.

Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

²And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about *his naked body* ; and the young men laid hold on him : and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

¹And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, ³and brought him into the high priest's house, ²and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even unto the palace of the high priest.

SECTION XXI.

Peter and John follow their Master.

Matt. 26 : 58.

Mark 14 : 54.

Luke 22 : 55.

John 18 : 15, 16.

⁴And Simon Peter followed Jesus ¹afar off, ⁴and so *did* another disciple : that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.

³And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them, ²and warmed himself at the fire ; ¹and sat with the servants to see the end.

SECTION XXII.

Christ is first examined, and condemned, in the House of the High Priest.

Matt. 26 : 59-66. Mark 14 : 55-64. John 18 : 19-24.

⁴The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world ; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort ; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me ? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them : behold, they know what I said.

And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so ?

Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil : but if well, why smitest thou me ?

Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

¹Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put

him to death ; but found none : yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. ²For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

¹At the last came two false witnesses, and ²bare false witness against him, ¹and said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. ²We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

But neither so did their witness agree together.

¹And the high priest arose, [and] ²stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, ¹and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing ? *what is it which* these witness against thee ?

But Jesus held his peace, ²and answered nothing.

Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed ? ¹I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said : ²I

am : ¹nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy ; what further need have we of witnesses ? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye ?

They answered and said, He is guilty of death. ²And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

SECTION XXIII.

Twelve at night—Christ is Struck, and Insulted.

“ I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair : I hid not my face from shame and spitting.” Is. 50 : 6.

Matt. 26 : 67, 68.

Mark 14 : 65.

Luke 22 : 63–65.

³And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote *him*. ²And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him,

and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

¹Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands. ³And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, ¹Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? ³And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

SECTION XXIV.

Peter's first Denial of Christ at the Fire in the Hall of the High Priest.

Matt. 26 : 66-70. Mark 14 : 66-68. Luke 22 : 56, 57.
John 18 : 17, 18, and 25-27.

²And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest ⁴(the damsel that kept the door), unto Peter, [and] ³beheld him as he sat by the fire, ²and when she saw Peter warming himself, she ³earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man

was also with him. ⁴Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. ²And [she] said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth ¹of Galilee. ³And he denied him, ¹before *them* all, saying, ²I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest.

⁴And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not.

One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

Peter then denied again; ²and he went out into the porch; and ⁴immediately the cock crew.

SECTION XXV.

After midnight—Peter's Second Denial of Christ at the Porch of the Palace of the High Priest.

Matt. 26 : 71, 72. Mark 14 : 69, part of 70. Luke
22 : 58.

¹And when he was gone out into the porch,
³after a little while another saw him, and said,
Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man,
I am not.

[And] ¹another *maid* saw him, ²and began to
say to them that stood by, ¹This *fellow* was also
with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied
with an oath, I do not know the man.

SECTION XXVI.

Friday, the Day of the Crucifixion, Time near Three in the Morning—Peter's Third Denial of Christ in the Room where Christ was waiting among the Soldiers till the Dawn of Day.

Matt. 26 : 73-75. Mark 14 : 70-72. Luke 22 : 59-62.

³And about the space of one hour after an-

other confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him ; for he is a Galilean.

And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest.

[And] ²they that stood by said again to Peter, ¹Surely thou also art *one* of them ; ²for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth *thereto* ; ¹for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not the man : ²I know not this man of whom ye speak.

³And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew—²the second time the cock crew.

³And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, *Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice—²*before the cock crow

* There is a double signification attached to these separate predictions, and a double accomplishment of them. The Apostle John relates the three several particular denials of Peter, made at the same place—at the fire, before the cock crew the first time. The Evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke record Peter's denials of Christ at three several times, and in three several places, and so had remarkably fulfilled the second signification of the prediction, "Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice."—TOWNSEND.

twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept—¹he went out, and wept bitterly.

SECTION XXVII.

Christ is taken before the Sanhedrin and Condemned.

Matt. 27 : 1. Mark 15 : part of ver. 1. Luke 22 : 66-71.

²And straightway in the morning, ³as soon as it was day, ²the chief priests held a consultation with the elders ¹of the people, ²and scribes and the whole council, and ¹took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.

³And led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us.

And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask *you*, ye will not answer me, nor let *me* go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God?

And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

SECTION XXVIII.

Judas declares the Innocence of Christ.

Matt. 27 : 3-10.

'Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.

And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Where-

fore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

SECTION XXIX.

Christ is accused before Pilate, and is by him also declared to be Innocent.

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.”—Is. 53 : 7.

Matt. 27 : 2 and 11-14. Mark 15 : 1-5. Luke 23 : 1-4.
John 18 : 28-38.

³And the whole multitude of them arose, ²and bound Jesus. ¹And when they had bound him, they led *him* away ⁴from Caiaphas, unto the hall of judgment; ¹and delivered him to Pontius

Pilate the governor, ⁴and it was early ; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled ; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man ?

They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.

The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death : that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

³And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cesar, saying that he himself is Christ, a king.

⁴Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus. ¹And Jesus stood before the governor : and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews ?

⁴Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me ? Pi-

late answered, Am I a Jew ? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me : what hast thou done ?

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world : if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews : but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then ?

Jesus answered [and] ²said unto him, ⁴Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Pilate saith unto him, What is truth ?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto ³the chief priests, and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

²And the chief priests accused him of many things ; but ¹when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee ?

And he answered him to never a word.

²And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

But Jesus yet answered nothing; ¹insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

SECTION XXX.

Christ is sent by Pilate to Herod.

Luke 23: 5-12.

³And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself was also at Jerusalem at that time.

And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things

of him ; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

Then he questioned with him in many words ; but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together ; for before they were at enmity between themselves.

SECTION XXXI.

Christ is brought back again to Pilate, who again declares Him Innocent, and endeavors to persuade the People to call for the Release of Christ, rather than Barrabbas.

Matt. 27 : 15-20. Mark 15 : 6-11. Luke 23 : 13-19.
John 18 : 39.

³And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people ; and, behold,

I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him : no, nor yet Herod : for I sent you to him ; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*.

¹Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people ²one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. ¹And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas, ²*which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire *him to do* as he had ever done unto them. (³For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

¹Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, ⁴Ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover. ¹Whom will ye that I release unto you ? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ ? ⁴Will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews ?

²For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

¹When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. ³And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Barabbas: (who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison).

SECTION XXXII.

Pilate three times endeavors again to release Christ.

“He is despised and rejected of men.”—Is. 53:3.

Matt. 27:21-23. Mark 15:12-14. Luke 23:20-23.
John 18:40.

³Pilate, ¹the governor, ³therefore, willing to release Jesus, ¹answered and ³spake again to them ¹and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you?

They said, Barabbas. ⁴Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas.

Now Barabbas was a robber.

²And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do ¹with Jesus which is called Christ? whom ye call the King of the Jews?

And they cried out again, Crucify him—¹all say unto him, ³Crucify *him*, crucify him, ¹let him be crucified.

²Then Pilate said unto them ³the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him : I will therefore chastise him, and let *him* go.

²And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. ³And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified : and the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

SECTION XXXIII.

The Jews imprecate the Punishment of Christ's Death upon themselves.

Matt. 27 : 24, 25.

¹When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person : see ye *to it*.

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.

SECTION XXXIV.

Pilate releases Barabbus and delivers Christ to be Crucified.

“He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities : the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.”—Is. 53 : 5.

Matt. 27 : 26–30. Mark 15 : 15–19. Luke 23 : 24, 25.
John 19 : 1–16.

²And so Pilate, willing to content the people,

³gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired. ⁴Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged *him*; [and] ²when he had scourged *him*, ³he delivered Jesus to their will, ¹to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus, ²and led him away ¹into the common hall, ²called Praetorium: and they call together the whole band ¹of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a *scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, ²and worshipped him, ¹and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! ⁴And they smote him with their hands, ¹and they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

⁴Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith

* There is no greater difference between the meaning of the words *κόκκινον* and *πορφυρα* than there is, if one English reader should say a red robe and another a red-dish robe.—PILKINGTON.

unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe.* And *Pilate* saith unto them, Behold the man !

When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*.

Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him* : for I find no fault in him.

The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

When *Pilate* therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid ; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou ? But Jesus gave him no answer.

Then saith *Pilate* unto him, Speakest thou not unto me ? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee ?

Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against me, except it were given thee from above : therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

* See foot-note on page 65.

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him : but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cesar's friend : whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cesar.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha.

And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour : and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King !

But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King ?

The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cesar.

Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.

SECTION XXXV.

Christ is led away from the Judgment Hall of Pilate to Mount Calvary.

“He was taken from prison and from judgment : and who shall declare his generation ? for he was cut off out of the land of the living : for the transgression of my people was he stricken.”—Is. 53 : 8.

Matt. 27 : 31, 32. Mark 15 : 20, 21. Luke 23 : 26–32.
John 19 : 17.

¹And after that they had mocked him, ²they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. ⁴And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha. ³And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, ²who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus ; ¹him they compelled to bear his cross : ³and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear *it* after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

SECTION XXXVI.

Christ arrives at Mount Calvary, and is Crucified.

Matt. 27 : 33, 34-37. Mark 15 : 22, 23-26-28. Luke
23 : 33-38. John 19 : 18-22.

¹And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to *drink mingled with gall :

* "It would appear from the Gospel narrative that three potions were offered to our Lord; two when he arrived at

and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

²And they gave him to *drink wine mingled with myrrh : but he received *it* not.

³And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, ⁴and Jesus in the midst. ²And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

⁴And Pilate wrote a title, ²the superscription of his accusation ; ¹and set [it] up over his head, ⁴on the cross. And the writing was,

³in letters of Greek,

⁴JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS ;

Golgotha, Matt. 27 : 34 ; Mark 15 : 23 ; and the third after he had been for some time on the cross.

"The first draught, vinegar mingled with gall, was most probably offered to him in malice and derision of his sufferings : our Lord refusing to drink it, the intoxicating draught, which was usual on such occasions, was then presented ; but he declined tasting of either, and drank only of the third, the vinegar or *posca*, the common drink of the Roman soldiers ; and which was placed in a vessel near the cross, for their accommodation."—TOWNSEND.

* See foot-note beginning on page 69.

³and Latin,

²THE KING OF THE JEWS ;

³and Hebrew,

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

⁴This title then read many of the Jews ; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city : and it was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin.

Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews ; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

SECTION XXXVII.

Christ prays for his Murderers.

“ And made intercession for the transgressors.”—Is. 53 : 12.

Luke 23 : 34.

³Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do.

SECTION XXXVIII.

The Soldiers divide and cast Lots for the Raiment of Christ.

Matt. 27 : 35, 36. Mark 15 : 24, 25. Luke 23 : part
of 34. John 19 : 23, 24.

¹And they crucified him. ⁴Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be.

³And they parted his raiment, and cast lots, ⁴that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ¹which was spoken by the prophet, ⁴which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

²And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. ¹And sitting down they watched him there.

SECTION XXXIX.

Christ is reviled, when on the Cross, by the Rulers, the Soldiers, the Passers-by, the Chief Priests, and the Malefactors.

“All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, He trusted on the Lord, *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.”—Ps. 22:7, 8.

“When he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not.”—1 Pet. 2:23.

Matt. 27:39-44. Mark 15:29-32. Luke 23:35-37.

³And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself.

¹And they that passed by reviled him, [and] ²railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

¹If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said ²among themselves, ¹He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. ²Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.

And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

¹The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

SECTION XL.

Christ, when dying as a Man, asserts his Divinity in his answer to the Penitent Thief.

Luke 23 : 39-43.

³And one of the malefactors which were hanged

railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

SECTION XLI.

Christ commends his Mother to the care of John.

John 19 : 25-27.

⁴Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother !

And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

SECTION XLII.

The Death of Christ, and its attendant Circumstances.

“In due time Christ died for the ungodly.”—Rom. 5 : 6.

“They shall look upon me whom they have pierced.”—
Zec. 12 : 10.

Matt. 27 : 45, 52, 54–56. Mark 15 : 33–41. Luke 23 :
44–49. John 19 : 28–37.

²And when the sixth hour was come, ³there was a darkness over all the earth, until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened. ²And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani ? ¹Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani ? ²which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?

And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

⁴After this, Jesus knowing that all things were

now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar. ¹And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, ⁴and put *it* upon hyssop, ¹and put *it* on a reed, ⁴and put *it* to his mouth, ¹and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him, ²to take him down.

⁴When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished.

¹Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, ³said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit : and having said thus, ⁴he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

¹And, behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain ³in the midst ¹from the top to the bottom ; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent ; and the graves were opened.

Now when the centurion, ²which stood over against him, ¹and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, ²saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, ¹they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God ; ³he glo-

rified God, saying, Certainly, this was a righteous man.

And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things, ²among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joses, and Salome, ¹the mother of Zebedee's children, ²who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him ; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

⁴The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs : but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there

out blood and water. And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done that the Scriptures should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

SECTION XLIII.

Joseph of Arimathea, and Nicodemus bury the body of Christ.

Matt. 27 : 57-60. Mark 15 : 42-46. Luke 23 : 50-54.
John 19 : 38-42.

⁴And after this—²now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ¹there came a rich man of Arimathea, ³a city of the Jews, ¹named Joseph, ²an honourable counsellor, ³*and he was* a good man, and a just, who also himself waited for the kingdom of God, ⁴being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, ³(the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them.)

This *man* ²came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus, [and] ⁴besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. ²And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead : and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew *it* of the centurion, ⁴Pilate gave *him* leave. ¹Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered ²to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, ¹and when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ; ⁴there came also Nicodemus, (which at the first came to Jesus by night,) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound *weight*. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in ¹clean ⁴linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden ; and in the garden a new sepulchre. ¹And [Joseph] laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, ⁴wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation *day* ; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand, ³and the sabbath drew on. ¹And he rolled

a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

SECTION XLIV.

Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, and the Women from Galilee, observe where the Body of Christ was laid.

Mark 15 : 47. Luke 23 : 55.

²And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where he was laid.

³And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

SECTION XLV.

The Women from Galilee hasten to return Home before the Sabbath began, to prepare Spices.

Luke 23 : 56.

³And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments ; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

SECTION XLVI.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary continue to sit opposite the Sepulchre, till it is too late to prepare their Spices.

Matt. 27 : 61.

¹And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

SECTION XLVII.

On the Sabbath the Chief Priests prepare a Guard of Soldiers to watch the Sepulchre.

Matt. 27 : 62-66.

¹Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the

people, He is risen from the dead : so the last error shall be worse than the first.

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch : go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.

So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

SECTION XLVIII.

The Sabbath being over, Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and Salome, purchase their Spices to anoint the Body of Christ.

Mark 16 : 1.

²And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

SECTION XLIX.

The Morning of Easter Day—Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and Salome, leave their Homes very early to go to the Sepulchre.

Matt. 28 : 1. Mark 16 : 1, 2. John 20, part of ver. 1.

¹In the end of the sabbath, ²very early in the morning, ⁴when it was yet dark, ¹as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

SECTION L.

After they had left their Homes, and before their arrival at the Sepulchre, Christ rises from the Dead and completes the Work of Redemption.

“Who was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification.”—Rom. 4 : 25.

Matt. 28 : 2-4. Matt. 27 : part of ver. 52 and ver. 53.

¹And, behold, there was a great earthquake : for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the

door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

And many bodies of the saints which slept arose, ¹and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

SECTION LI.

Mary Magdalene, the other Mary, and Salome, arrive at the Sepulchre, and find the Stone rolled away.

Mark 16: part of ver. 2, and ver. 3, 4. John 20: part of ver. 1.

²And they said among themselves, at the rising of the sun, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

SECTION LII.

Mary Magdalene leaves the other Mary and Salome to tell Peter.

John 20 : 2.

⁴Mary Magdalene seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

SECTION LIII.

Salome and the other Mary, during the absence of Mary Magdalene, enter the Porch of the Sepulchre, and see one Angel, who commands them to inform the Disciples that Jesus was risen.

Matt. 28 : 5-8.

Mark 16 : 5-8.

²And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment ; and they were affrighted.

¹And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye. ²Be not affrighted, ¹for I know that ye seek Jesus ²of Nazareth which was crucified. ¹He is not here : for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay,—²behold the place where they laid him. But go your way ¹quickly, ²tell his disciples and Peter ¹that he is risen from the dead ; and, behold, ²he goeth before you into Galilee : there shall ye see him, as he said unto you ; ¹lo, I have told you.

SECTION LIV.

Salome and the other Mary leave the Sepulchre.

Matt. 28 : 8.

Mark 16 : 8.

¹And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear, ²and fled from the sepulchre ; for they trembled, and were amazed : neither said they any thing to any *man* ; for they were afraid ; ¹[and] with great joy did run to bring his disciples word.

SECTION LV.

Peter and John, as soon as they hear the Report of Mary Magdalene, hasten to the Sepulchre, which they inspect, and immediately depart.

John 20 : 3-10.

⁴Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together : and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he, stooping down, *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying ; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

SECTION LVI.

Mary Magdalene, having followed Peter and John, remains at the Sepulchre after their Departure, and looking into the Tomb, sees two Angels.

John 20 : 11-14.

⁴But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping : and as she wept, she stooped down, *and looked* into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou ?

She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing.

SECTION LVII.

Christ first appears to Mary Magdalene, and commands her to inform the Disciples that he had risen.

Mark 16 : 9. John 20, part of ver. 14, 15-17.

²Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils, ⁴and [she] knew not that it was *Jesus*. *Jesus* saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou ? Whom seekest thou ?

She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni ; which is to say, Master.

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not ; for I am not yet ascended to my Father : but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father ; and to my God, and your God.

SECTION LVIII.

Mary Magdalene, when going to inform the Disciples that Christ had risen, meets again with Salome and the other Mary. Christ appears to the three Women.

Matt. 28 : 9, 10. John 20 : 18.

¹And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid : go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

⁴Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her.

SECTION LIX.

The Soldiers who had fled from the Sepulchre, report to the High Priests, the Resurrection of Christ.

Matt. 28 : 11-15.

¹Now when they were going, behold, some

of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

So they took the money, and did as they were taught; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

SECTION LX.

The Second party of Women from Galilee, who had bought their Spices on the Evening previous to the Sabbath, having had a longer way to come to the Sepulchre, arrive after the Departure of the others, and find the Stone rolled away.

Luke 24:1-3.

³Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. And they

found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, and they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

SECTION LXI.

Two Angels appear to them also, assuring them that Christ was risen, and reminding them of his foretelling this fact.

Luke 24: 4-9.

³And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

And they remembered his words, and returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

SECTION LXII.

Mary Magdalene unites her Testimony to that of the Galilean Women.

Mark 16 : 10.

Luke 24 : 10.

³It was Mary Magdalene, ²and she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept, ³and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

SECTION LXIII.

The Apostles are still Incredulous.

Mark 16 : 11.

Luke 24 : 11.

²And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. ³And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

SECTION LXIV.

*Peter goes again to the Sepulchre, and Christ appears to Him.**

Luke 24 : 12.

³Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre ; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

* "It is certain that Christ appeared to Peter about this time; for when the two disciples came from Emmaus to the other disciples, *this very circumstance was the subject of their conversation.* This fact is further confirmed by Paul, 1 Cor. 15:5. 'And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve.'

"It was most probably on his return from the sepulchre, after he had received the accounts of the women, that our Lord appeared to Peter. His desire to see our Lord, and perhaps implore his forgiveness, as well as that characteristic eagerness and ardor, by which he was on all occasions distinguished, excited in him the desire to make his second visit to the sepulchre to examine it, to be again convinced that the body was removed; and in the hopes of meeting our Lord, if Christ would condescend to meet him."—TOWNSEND.

SECTION LXV.

Christ appears to Cleopas and another disciple, going to Emmaus.

Mark 16 : 12.

Luke 24 : 13-32.

³And, behold, ²after that he appeared in another form unto two of them; as they walked, and went into the country. ³Two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad ?

And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days ?

And he said unto them, What things?

And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and besides all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither

they went : and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us ; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him ; and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures ?

SECTION LXVI.

Cleopas and his Companion return to Jerusalem and assure the Apostles that Christ had certainly risen.

Luke 24 : 33-35.

³And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

SECTION LXVII.

Christ appears to the assembled Apostles, Thomas only being absent. Convinces them of the Identity of the Resurrection Body, and blesses them.

Luke 24: 36-43.

John 20: 19-23.

⁴Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus ³as they thus spake, ⁴and stood in the midst ³of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold, my hands and my feet, that 'tis I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet, ⁴and his side.

Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

³And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And he took *it*, and did eat before them.

⁴Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you : as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost : Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them ; *and* whosoever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

SECTION LXVIII.

Thomas is still incredulous.

John 20 : 24, 25.

⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

SECTION LXIX.

Christ appears to the Eleven, Thomas being Present.

Mark 16 : 14. John 20 : 26-29.

²Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

⁴And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them : *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands ; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side ; and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him,
My Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou
hast seen me, thou hast believed : blessed *are*
they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed. ✓

SECTION LXX.

Christ appears again, at the Sea of Tiberias—His conversation with Peter.

John 21 : 1-24.

⁴After these things, Jesus shewed himself
again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias ; and
on this wise shewed he himself.

There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas
called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in
Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other
of his disciples.

Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing.
They say unto him, We also go with thee.

They went forth, and entered into a ship

immediately ; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore ; but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.

They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord.

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship, (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty

and three : and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?

He saith unto him, Yea, Lord ; thou knowest that I love thee.

He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.*

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me?

He saith unto him, Yea, Lord ; thou knowest that I love thee.

He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me?

* Dr. James Murdock, in his literal translation of the ancient Syriac Peshito Version of the New Testament,

Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not.

This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry

renders these several commands of our Lord, thus: "Feed my lambs for me," "Feed my sheep for me," "Feed my sheep for me."

till I come, what is *that* to thee? follow thou me.

Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is *that* to thee?

This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

SECTION LXXI.

Christ appears to a Large Number of his Disciples on a Mountain in Galilee.

Matt. 28:16, 17, and part of ver. 18.

¹Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.* And Jesus came and spake unto them.

* "Grotius interprets it, but some had heretofore

SECTION LXXII.

Christ appears to his Apostles at Jerusalem, and commissions them to convert the World.

Luke 24: 44-49.

Acts 1: 4, 5.

⁵And being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saieth he*, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

³And he said unto them, *These are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the

doubted. The Prussian version reads, they worshipped him, even those who had doubted: in which sense it should be."—TOWNSEND.

third day : and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among

Additional Testimony from Scripture concerning the Resurrection of Christ.

St. Luke writes (Acts 1 : 1-3) : The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen ; to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

St. Peter declares (Acts 10 : 36, 39-42) : The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ : (he is Lord of all.)* whom they slew and hanged on a tree : him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly ; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is *he* which was ordained of God, *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

St. Paul testifies (1 Cor. 15 : 3-8) : For I delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures : and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve :

After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren

all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you : but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

SECTION LXXIII.

Christ leads out his Apostles to Bethany, within Sight of Jerusalem, gives them their Final Commission, blesses them, and ascends up visibly into Heaven, from whence he shall come to judge the Living and the Dead.

Matt. 28 : 18-20. Mark 16 : 15-20. Luke 24 : 50-53.
Acts 1 : 6-12.

³And he led them out as far as to Bethany.
⁵When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to

at once ; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

After that, he was seen of James ; then of all the apostles.

And last of all, he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

²And he said unto them, ¹All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore ²into all the world, ¹and teach all nations, ²and preach the gospel to every creature, ¹baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost : teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. ²He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe ; In my name shall they cast out devils ; they shall speak with new tongues ; they shall take up serpents ; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them ; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. ¹And lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

²So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them

⁵these things, ³he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, ⁵while they beheld, ³he was parted from them, ⁵he was taken up, ³and carried up into heaven, ⁵and a cloud received him out of their sight. ²He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

³And they worshipped him.

⁵And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

³And [they] returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

²And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

SECTION LXXIV.

St. John's Conclusion to the Gospel History of Jesus Christ.

John 20 : 30, 31 ; 21 : 25.

⁴And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book : but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.



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